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## CIDA-UNIVERSITY MEETING

Ottawa -- Representatives of Canadian universities met this week with officials of the Canadian International Development Agency and the International Development Research Centre to work out plans for greater participation of universities in Canada's programs of international development.

The workshops, being held Thursday and Friday in the Government Conference Centre, brought together 46 representatives of higher learning institutions from cross Canada and officials of CIDA and the IDRC.

About 1,500 students from the Third World enter Canadian universities each year. In addition to having a reserve of skills and expertise that can assist developing countries, Canada's universities participate directly in projects financed by CIDA.

In addition to reinforcing lines of communication between CIDA, the IDRC and the universities, the meeting was aimed at informing the academic world of the new directions of Canada's development assistance programs in the light of changing world conditions.

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